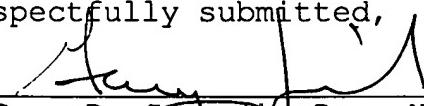


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This response is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed on August 18, 1999 wherein the Examiner indicated that "claims 17, 19, 20, 26-30, 32 and 52 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims." Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a), it is respectfully requested that the requested amendment canceling claims 1-3, 5-16, 31 and 33-51 be entered of record and the remaining, pending claims be passed to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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